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CHEMICAL SOCIETY HEARS PAPER ON "OIL SHALES"

J. B. Robertson Gives Interesting Review of Some Special Research Work on This Subject.

The McGill Chemical Society held its regular meeting Tuesday afternoon in the McDonald Chemistry Building. Mr. John B. Robertson gave a very interesting talk on the "Nature of Organic Matter in Scottish Oil Shales." The paper was a review of some research work done along this line by the speaker himself.

The oil shale industry is a comparatively young one but on account of the ease with which the shales are mined makes it a fruitful industry. The first oil shale mines were started about 1850 and the industry had a rapid growth. In 1871 there were fifty-one concerns making oil from shales in Scotland. Competition with American

and Russian producers, however, began to tell on the Scotch firms, with the result that many had to go out of business.

The result was, however, that the miners in Scotland improved their methods and began to produce commercial by-products which put the industry back on a paying basis.

In 1854 there was a big law case in Scotland over the question of a mine which was yielding a high grade oil shale. The question resolved itself into one regarding the nature of the shale, whether it was a coal or not. At the time it was legally decided to be a coal. Since then, however, it has been

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EXAMS. FOR SCIENCE MEN

Provisional List is Announced.

FIRST ON JAN. 19

They Will Run Two Days—Some to Be Taken as Supplementals.

A provisional examination list has been arranged for Science students. This is subject to change. A final revised list will be posted by Jan. 19. All students desiring to take any of these as supplementals must apply to Dr. Porter for seats before that date. Appended is the list:

January 19, a.m.:
1st year Geometry (191).
2nd year Ornament and Decoration (85).
3rd year Quantitative Anal. (61).
Surveying (352).
Ornament and Decoration (Arch.) (85).
4th year Ore Dressing (299).
Geodesy (359).
Machine Design (243).
Jan. 19th, p.m.:
3rd year Desc. Geometry (350).
Metallurgy (261).
4th year Elec. L. and P. D. (120).
Mineral Anal. (71).
Indus. Chem. (69).
R. R. Engineering (368).
Jan. 20, a.m.:
3rd year Mechanics (86).
Hygiene (22).
4th year:
Elect. Chemistry (70).
Can. Geology (149).
Jan. 20, p.m.:
2nd year Anal. Geometry (197).
3rd year Fine Arts (263).
Org. Chemistry (456).
Foundations (89).
4th year, Hydraulics (97).
Hydraulics (161).
Crystal (151).

THE JOY OF LIVING

Philosophy of Contradiction.—The Christmas Smile.

One feels a thrill of pleasure passing through one as he sees the children, in company with their nurses, tobogganing on the snowy slopes just outside of the McGill Library.

It does one good to watch their childish pranks as they go quickly down the hill only to have to return by a tortuous climb again. Yet the youngsters enjoy this contradiction that seems to fill up every life. It makes us think that even children are looking forward to the diversities of events that fill up the pages of their existence, for even the whole humanity are all philosophers.

It is the ups and downs of life that entrance the pleasures of existence; in fact if our lives were one continuous round of pleasure and happiness, then we should fail to feel for the sorrows of others. It is the trials and difficulties that come into our lives that makes us sympathize with others.

Christmas is coming. The postman who usually thrusts the missives into your waiting hand with surly look now has transformed his countenance with a pleasant smile.

Something is wrong with everyone you meet, or something perhaps is as it should be? You are inclined to ask are those wondrous events and amazing sights to stay with us, or will they be as last week's snow?

As you begin to muse over the situation you are reminded that this wonderful difference to our personality will have flown away from us in a few short days and then we will be transferred again from our heaven of delight to mere earthly things as they always existed.

But a spirit is really in the air; a spirit we welcome year by year even with advancing age with its accumulation of cares.

It is the spirit of Christmas.

It is fitting for us that Christmas comes at this season of the year. We are filled with the joy of living and as we look around us we see many others that are not so well fixed as we are. It is well to foster a joyful spirit and the way to do it is to assist another in a worse position than yourself.

Even this beautiful city has much misery that even McGill students may alleviate. Perhaps not alone but it would do the hearts of those who run the Settlement places good if every student who has an occasional hour at his disposal would go and offer his services to those who are doing their utmost to help their unfortunate fellow citizens. It would at least show that McGill students, in trying to become wise men were doing their best to become good and also useful citizens in this cosmopolitan city.

A letter appeared yesterday in the Daily speaking along these lines and if students would only take the hint, it not only would assist those who were helping in their labor of love; it would bring happiness to some struggling mortal who honestly wished to better his lot and it would come down in blessings upon the head of him who so nobly offered his assistance. It would even go one better than Shakespeare, who said that "Mercury is twice blessed," but the kindness of any student at this kind of work would be three fold.

OBSERVER.

MEETING POSTPONED.

There was no representation of the McGill Third Team at the meeting of the Junior Amateur Hockey Association last night and so the meeting was postponed until next Wednesday evening. It was impossible to arrange dates for games.

VOTE OF CENSURE PASSED

University Corporation on Theatre Night.

CAUTION MONEY

If Offenders Not Found, Damage to be Assessed Against First and Second Years.

The following is the report of the committee on Morals and Discipline with reference to Theatre Night. It was unanimously adopted at the meeting of the Corporation yesterday.

The committee on Morals and Discipline recommends to Corporation that in view of the highly disgraceful conduct of a group of students on Theatre Night, Corporation pass a resolution of censure expressing its abhorrence of such conduct, in the interests not only of the orderly element among the student body, but also in the interests of well-wishers of the University in general, and that the students be informed that the resolution of October 31st, 1906, by which Corporation withdrew all official sanction from Theatre Night was only suspended for one occasion at the special request of the Students' Council and must be regarded as still operative.

The committee is glad to reiterate the fact that in the past the Students' Council has rendered valuable service in dealing with breaches of discipline to the end just mentioned. In the present case they feel that the lack of initiative and energy shown by the Students' Council stands in marked and unfavorable contrast to the effective and valued discipline exercised by it on several necessary occasions in the past.

The committee recommends that the Students' Council be requested to find out the offenders and collect the cost of the damage from them and failing such action on its part, the cost of the damages be paid from the Caution Money of the first and second years in all faculties.

ALL-AMERICAN TEAM SELECTED BY RICE

Michigan Ranks First With Three Men on the Eleven.—Brickley Is Only Easterner

Grantland Rice, the poet-sport writer, has picked an All-American, which from its fairness, is recognized as an excellent selection of players for an honorary team.

Mr. Rice has placed three Michigan men on his eleven, selecting more players from the Wolverine institution of learning than from any other college. Incidentally not a Yale man is given a place.

Mr. Rice's choice of men is as follows:

Centre—Des Jardiens, Chicago.
Right guard—Allmendinger, Michigan.
Left guard—Leonardson, Michigan Aggies.
Right tackle—Pontus, Michigan.
Left tackle—Butler, Wisconsin.
Right end—Rockne, Notre Dame.
Left end—Wagner, Pittsburg.
Quarterback—Dorais, Notre Dame.
Right half—Craig, Michigan.
Left half—Norgren, Chicago.
Full back—Brickley, Harvard.
Walter Camp's All-American football eleven has not been made public as yet, but the dean of the eastern gridiron critics had some interesting things to say about his selections while on a visit to Chicago during the last few days.

"This is the first year for some time that I have seen no western games," said Camp in a published interview, "but I know the men and have studied them and seen most of them play before."

"I am considering the possibility of selecting three teams next season—an all-western, an all-eastern, and an all-American for Collier's Weekly. I would have attended some of the big western battles this year if the schedules hadn't conflicted."

"In selecting my all-American team for Collier's Weekly I take the players of the entire country as one squad. I do not consider sectional differences. As to the game as played in the East and the West—I think that each section overdid itself a bit this year. The East ran a little too much on the defence and the West on the offence. I look for the time when it evens up."

FROM MCGILL TO CONVENTION

Those to Attend Kansas City Congress.

FIFTEEN DELEGATES

University and Affiliated Colleges Are to be Well Represented.

The delegates from McGill and the affiliated colleges who will attend the Student Volunteer Convention at Kansas City—December 31 to January 4—have been selected. The conference is a quadrennial event, and the last one, at Rochester, was attended by over three hundred delegates.

The representatives of McGill University will be Mr. Carns-Wilson, R. M. Ferguson, A. Farlinger, G. Heslam, W. McConnell and E. A. Corbett.

From the Wesleyan College will go G. A. Siscoe, and from the Presbyterian College, G. H. Fletcher, G. A. Allan and Donald McLeod; Miss Jessie Boyd and Miss Alice Melbin will go from the Royal Victoria College.

Macdonald College will send L. Jones and Prof. McFarlane, and the Diocesan College, E. J. McCormick.

Before they start from Montreal, this group will be joined by fifteen students from maritime colleges, Mount Allison, Dalhousie and Acadia.

Delegates will also go from Toronto, London and Queen's universities. In all there are expected to be 120 representatives from Eastern Canada.

EXAM. RESULTS

SURVEYING FIELDWORK, YEAR II.
CLASS I.
Taylor, Hight, Leslie, McIntosh, Rutherford, Seath (equal); Dorken, Ferguson, Legault, Lindsay, Muir (equal); Latfoley, Weldon.
CLASS II.
Alberga, Clark, Des Brisay, Harris, McFarlane, MacKenzie, McLaren, McPhail, Neilson, Shrimpton, Wisso (equal); McLeod, Nesham, Robertson (equal); Andrews, Bishop, Ger-vais, Parke, Rittenhouse (equal); McLean, Wallingford, Armistead, Johns, Wilkens, Cameron (equal); Hutchison, Klein, MacPherson, Rainboth, Somers (equal); Clough, Gilman, Richardson (equal); Chisholm, Hobart, Johnson, Lang, McNicoll, Moulton, Smith, White (equal); Brown, DeCew, Hovey, Lawson, Rosebrugh, Rountwaite, Silver, Trapp, Zweik (equal); Armstrong, Bradley, MacLachlan, Miner, Twibberrow (equal); Booth, Emery (equal); Kelly, Wickenden, Garland (equal); Bronson, Karnes, Sutherland, Wilson, Windatt (equal); Lemay, Nehin, Hutchison, Sutherland (equal).
CLASS III.
Carroll, Coombes, Heney, Marotte, Pelletier, Perrault, Gibbs, Marquette, Morris, Pickard-Cambridge (equal); Chipman, Russell (equal); Eagen, Hall, Robertson (equal); Despatie, Fisher, Supplemental—Passed: Parsons.

SURVEYING FIELDWORK, YEAR III.

Class I.—Frane, Gibbs, Perry, equal; Lamontagne, Voligny, Yuill, equal; Buckley, Gendron, Gilbert, McTaggart, Woolatt, equal; Ogilvie, Pen-nock, Ruggles, equal; Bremner, Hodgson, Kitchener, Little, Patterson, Schellens, equal; Bostock, Cameron, Gage, Innis, Lindsay, Scott, equal; Armour, Baker, Green, Johnson, Lear-ned, Morrow, Nelson, Pichon, Shuen, Smith, Wilkins, equal; Bonhomme, Ferguson, MacEwen, equal; Alberga, Hovey, J. A., Lyons, Moor, Ney, O'Donnell, Staples, equal; Freeland, Fritz, London, Robertson, Ross, equal; O'Shea, Hartley, Todd, equal; Fyles.
Class II.—Mendelssohn, Horsey.
Supplemental Examination—Passed, Brisbane, Maben, Masson, Milne, Robertson, R. K.
SUMMER SCHOOL PHYSICS.
Class I.—Sparling, McCall, Goddard, Floyd.
Class II.—Douglas, Fowler, equal; Loggie, Williams, Murray, Gloves, Laing, Shand, Dawson, Montgomery.
Class III.—Guy, Macaulay, equal; Fair, McNicoll.
Supplemental Examination—Passed, McDougall, Lamontagne.

MUSIC EXAMS.

The annual Christmas examinations of McGill Conservatory of Music will start on December 16, and continue until December 20. The examinations will be in theoretical music and are for the purpose of enabling teachers to see how the students are progressing in their studies. About one hundred students will be examined.

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TWENTY-EGHT TO FIVE SCORE IN LAST R. V. C. GAME

In Ragged Game, Characterized By Many Fouls, Juniors Defeat the Sophs.—Final of Inter-Year Series.
The R. V. C. basketball inter-year series were concluded Wednesday, when the Juniors defeated the Sophs. by the one-sided score of 28-5.
Play was ragged throughout, and characterized by many fouls. Comparatively few of these, however, resulted in a gain for either side. The score is a good indication of the respective merits of the two teams.
As the Juniors were one short, the Sophs, chopped one player to even up. Juniors—M. Macoun, R. Waterman, baskets; G. Story, M. Bennett (capt.), guards; W. Mosley, wing; L. Demuth, centre.
Sophs—M. Currie, M. Cameron, baskets; R. McCullough, H. Fraser, guards; J. Patterson-Smyth, wing; G. Macdonald, centre.

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A MODERN HIAWATHA

With unnecessary apologies to the shades of Henry W. Longfellow, the following poem was submitted to the Daily by a friend of the author, J. V. Perrin, Yale, '08. J. S. Sc. '14, and Mr. Perrin spent a summer doing exploration work at the headwaters of the St. Maurice River, Quebec. Their sundry trials and tribulations led to the writing of this poem, which also possesses additional features which may be of interest to those who have spent similar summers.

Forth into the fragrant forest
Strode the sturdy Hiawatha.
Much had old Nakomis taught him
In his youth, while he was waiting.
Waiting to attain his manhood.
Waiting till his strength was mighty.
Many tales Nakomis told him
Of the secrets of the forest.
Of the glories of the sunset
O'er the purple mists of evening.
Of the wonders of the woodland,
Of the sylvan songs of summer.
Of the stillness of the snow-time,
Till his heart beat fast within him.
Till he yearned for time to free him
From the fetters of his childhood.
That he might pack up his turkey,
Neatly pack his trou of dux-back
And his moccasins of beef-hide
In a fitch and Abercrombie
Duffle-sack of shining canvas
Take them with him in the Pullman
That would take him near and nearer
To the carries of the Northland.
Take them with him in the Pullman
That would take him near and nearer
To the carries of the Northland.
Much he'd read and much he'd pondered.

Of the land where engineers
Outfit for the long portages,
For the pathless, virgin forest,
For the pathless, virgin forest.
Head him over marsh and mountain
Over windfall, burn and muskeg,
Long and loud in cafes brilliant
Talked he to his marvellous comrades
Of adventures he'd encountered
When he hit the trail to Northward
Where the mountains point and beckon
Draw men on by unfilled promise
To the dim delights of distance
That none but the brave can capture.
That the strong alone can capture.
So at length he grew to manhood,
To aught fearing mighty manhood,
Bade good bye to old Nakomis,
Bade good bye to all his comrades,
Heeded not the tears of maidens,
Heeded not their vain entreaties.
"Do not leave us Hiawatha,
You will perish in the forest.
And with the wolves your bones will
be whiten."
With naught but howls of owl to comfort,
You will pass to the hereafter."
Noted not the city glamor
Disappearing in the distance,
For his heart was glad within him.
He was off for exploration,
Off to search for hidden blazes,
Off to follow winding rivers,
Off to follow where the needle
Should direct his buoyant foot-steps,
Fearing nothing in his prowess.

Forth into the silent places
Strode the sturdy Hiawatha,
Clad in natty garb of dux-back,
Carrying his tent and blanket.
As in books the woodsmen carry,
Gayly onward through the balsam
Hastened haughty Hiawatha.
Mashed for miles o'er hill and valley,
Walked until his pack grew heavy
And he noticed swarms of insects
Hovering in hordes about him,
Buzzing, humming, till he wondered
"Can this be the soothing silence
Of the storied silent places?
Can these be the sylvan songsters
Making gay at my arrival?"
And he noticed, as he labored,
Beating through the thick morasses
Of the tangled reproduction
That his hands and face were stinging.
Burning, itching, swelling, bleeding,
Ever and anon the songsters
Pierced him with their tiny weapons,
Perched upon his manly forehead,
Crawled into his eyes and speared him,
Right between the winks they speared him.
And so fast and fierce their action
That, ere he could close his fingers
Scores of wounds were made between
them.

"This is not," sighed Hiawatha,
"What the good Nakomis told me.
This is not the dope she slipped me.
Nothing said she of these insects
That annoy me more than mountains.
More than miles do they annoy me.
I will camp at once and shut them
Out of my strong tent of canvas.
Never in my cozy dwelling,
Pitched on marge of rushing river
Shall a black-fly gain admittance,
Never shall these wicked fellows
Enter this my lodge of living,
Never shall these fiends molest me."

As he spoke, he threw his duffle
On the margin of the river.
Where the water gushed and gurgled,
Fell in spray across the channel,
Dashed and splashed over riffles,
Whirled in eddies 'neath the rapids
In deep pools spun round in circles,
With his trusty Marble hatchet
Sharp and shining in the shadows
Chopped small trees, to stake his wigwam.

With strong strokes rent trees asunder.
Made a bed of fragrant balsam,
Pitched his tent upon the margin
Of the restless, rushing water,
Pausing only in his labors
To brush swarms of flies, who buried
Their sharp lances in his features,
Pausing not to cook his bacon,
Pausing not to make a supper,
Not to turn a batch of pan-cakes,
As the good Nakomis told him.
With full speed he took his wigwam
Dove the wounded Hiawatha,
Closed the portals of his dwelling,
Tied them fast with knots that never
Could be loosed by clouds of insects,
Crawled into his woollen blanket
To forget his foes in slumber.

But the wary insects entered
Ere he closed the lodge behind him.
They were there in tens of thousands
Ere he'd thought himself to enter
And they crawled up through the balsam,
Through the fragrant couch of balsam,
Entered through each niche and cranny,
Entered by a thousand corners.

Quite overlooked by Hiawatha,
In his haste to raise his shelter.
All night long he wailed and mumbled,
Tossed his fevered head and mumbled
Imprecations, threats and language
Such as may not be repeated.
That Nakomis in her teaching
Had not taught him to remember.
Useless every feint and struggle,
Useless each and every motion,
Useless every little movement.
Powerless he lay lamenting,
Lay the night, and when the morning
Broke in splendor o'er the river,
Filling all the woods with beauty,
Up he sprang with ire outrageous,
Heeding not the gorgeous glory
Of the early forest morning,
Followed where the needle pointed,
For it pointed to the city,
To the dusty, noisy city,
To the clamor and the crushes
Of the fetid marts of business.

As he trudged along the tote-road,
Weak and weary from his fasting,
Quite disgusted with the forest,
Tired of the tiny torments,
In short gasps, between the pantings,
Walked by rapid, run-like caulkings
Gurgled he between his puffings
Sounds that might be written thusly:
"Never, while this heart is beating,
While beneath this throbbing bosom
Flows the rich blood of my being,
Never, while I have my senses,
Shall the glades and shades and brook-
lets

See this teeming land of timber
Of my form flit through the bushes!
I would rather die in Brooklyn,
Rather pass my days enduring
The monotony of roll-tops,
Rather fade into oblivion
With a thousand other fellows
Than return to yonder forest,
Learn to live on beans and bacon,
Learn to live with tens of thousands
Of those humming, buzzing insects
Worse than all Pandora's troubles
Ever swarming round my dwelling."
Thus the mighty Hiawatha
Tried and tired of the romantic
Timberland and wondrous workings
Of the life beyond the border.
J. V. PERRIN.

LAND AND BUILDINGS DONATED TO QUEEN'S

Students' Residence and Military Training School to Be Built.

Major R. W. Leonard, chairman of the National Transcontinental Commission has donated lands and buildings for the establishment of a students' residence and training school at Queen's University. This is a similar request to that made by Lord Strathcona recently.

The site provided by Major Leonard is just west of the university and is quite extensive. While the donor has supplied the land, dormitory buildings and furnishings, the Department of Militia will build a drill hall and armories and gymnasium equipment. An adjutant and N. C. A. instructor from the permanent forces will probably be provided, an obligatory course of lectures on military subjects will be prescribed.

Students in military residence will be required to become members of the C. O. T. C. Daily drill, attendance at lectures and annual training camp will likely be compulsory.

DR. ADAMS TO GIVE ILLUSTRATED LECTURE

Will Tell of "The Land of the Bible" at First Presbyterian Church.

Dean Adams, Dean of the Faculty of Applied Science, will deliver an illustrated lecture before the Bible Class of the First Presbyterian Church, corner of Prince Arthur and Mance streets, next Sunday at 8 o'clock. The subject of the lecture will be "The Land of the Bible." Students and friends are cordially invited to attend.

The University of Illinois football team will probably have a game with Wisconsin next fall. These two teams did not meet this year, but Coach Zuppke of Illinois is anxious to have them play against each other in 1914.

Initial Performance of "Omar, the Tentmaker"

Local Criticism is Diverse and Variegated—There Are Five Papers and Each Has Different Individual Criticism.

The casual reader of dramatic comments in the five local daily papers, if there be an individual endowed with time and patience sufficient unto their perusal, must indeed occupy very uncertain ground with regard to his estimate of the play produced at the Princess Tuesday evening.

The criticisms have been so diverse and variegated that even though a man might read while running, it would be well to proceed at a more moderate pace, lest, being suddenly seized with mental convulsions, he fall to destruction.

Two of our worthy contemporaries have extended their judicial hands with thumbs declining at acute angles. Their disapproval is grounded on the fact that although the play is a good thing there is too much of it; and, too much of a good thing producing a surfeit, there must be no more meat or sweets.

Of the remaining three, two have stood forth as sponsors for the play and its success. We trust that their zeal may not be expended in vain.

The fifth has avoided making any definite criticism as to the merits of

the play, and if its reticence is due, as we trust it is, to a desire to avoid a hasty judgment, then the attitude assumed deserves all praise.

"Omar the Tentmaker" is a big conception. It has been evolved and matured in the mind of a man who has already given evidence of the power of his mental offspring. No just judgment could be rendered on the presentation of Tuesday night. The play deserves a fair trial, and this, we trust, Montreal audiences will grant. As for the Daily, we refuse to assault it until it has had time and opportunity to find its feet.

Should the Western Conference pass a rule that no paid coach shall train a team unless he was a graduate of that university, it would eliminate A. A. Stagg, of Chicago, and H. L. Williams, of Minnesota. These men are both Yale graduates, and have done more for western football than any two men in that section of the country.

Round About the College TO WHICH EVERYBODY IS A REPORTER.

L. M. Matthews has been appointed representative from Med. '17 to the hockey club.

H. P. Stanley, vice-president of the Science Undergraduate Society, is laid up with an attack of erysipelas.

First year Medicine Zoology Christmas examination will be held a week from Friday.

A meeting of all those interested in hockey will be held to-morrow afternoon at 5 p.m. in Strathcona Hall.

Yesterday's gymnasium class hour was devoted entirely to the elimination trials for the Indoor Meet on Saturday.

The three gym. periods next week will be devoted to a very light type of work. Games will take up a large part of the time.

Members of the Mandolin Club are requested to be at Rice's on Friday afternoon at 5.15 p.m. sharp to have their picture taken for the Annual.

There are a few vacancies left in the Political Economy Club. Those wishing to join should send in applications to the secretary at the Arts Building, before December 15th.

The members of the soccer football team are requested to put in an appearance at Rice's studio at 1 p.m. today. Field sweaters to be worn.

The orchestra will hold a practice this evening at 7.30 in the Union. This will be the final rehearsal for the concert to be given Sunday, the 14th.

P. P. Smyth has been handicapped fifty below scratch in the Pool Tournament, but so far not one of his three opponents has reached the hundred mark. His playing has been a treat to watch.

The following men, Hemming, Mathewson, F. Parkins, Struthers and Biele, are requested to turn up to-day at 6 p.m. at Rice's to have Canadian Club executive picture taken. It is very important that everyone should be on time.

The Pool tournament at the Union is progressing very well indeed. The first round has been completed, only one match remains in the second round, and two games have been played in the third round. There remains the semi-finals and final.

The Swimming Club will meet at Rice's on Saturday at 12.45 p.m. to have the photograph for the Annual taken. Those requested to turn out include besides the executive, all swimmers and water polo players. The men are asked to take with them their bathing suits.

The Mining Society's visit to Rigaud, which was to have been made on Saturday, has been postponed until after the holidays, and a trip into the tunnel is being arranged instead. As the number that can go on this expedition is necessarily small, it is probable that only Miners will be allowed on the party.

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shown the evidence in favor of this decision is rather slight.

Since this investigation hardly any work was done on these shales excepting a few ultimate analyses. It was to find out the nature of the oil producing portions of the shale that Mr. Robertson carried out his experiments. The speaker then reviewed his methods and results of these experiments, which may be summarized as follows:

1. The carbon hydrogen ratio varies in the oil shales from 6 to 8 and over. The lower this ratio the larger is the amount of oil produced from a definite percentage of organic matter. The Carbon-hydrogen ratio is in all the shales examined lower than that in ordinary bituminous coal. The oil shales are distinct from coals although the richer varieties may approach Cannel coals in properties.
2. There is little resinous material in oil shales, the bulk of the organic matter being insoluble in organic solvents.
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welcome. The book is small, sketching in two hundred and fifty pages the record of the institution, with pleasant descriptions, at the outset and close, of life at the University to-day. Mr. Pier summarizes well the accounts of the more formal historians, Josiah Quincy and Benjamin Peirce, and draws abundantly from the letters and diaries of Harvard men of every period. His style is dignified, yet easy, and he shows good judgment in selecting for mention character and event that deserve to be made salient. Little fault can be found with his presentation, except that it is incomplete. The book, indeed, seems meagre, when one thinks of what it might have told. For instance as to Harvard's modern period, no time is better worth an emphasis than that of the Civil War, and Mr. Pier properly accords it extended mention. He has nothing to say, however, of the Confederates and their part, but there were noteworthy men among them. W. H. F. Lee, a distinguished cavalry leader, with many of the traits of his great father, was for a time a member of the class of 1858. About the same time the President of the Hasty Pudding Club was McKim, who laid down his life for the South; and the class-orator, in 1855, was James B. Clark who served devotedly throughout in the Twenty-first Mississippi. They were good men, if misguided, and merit at least a word of recognition. As regards the Federal soldiers, to whom our author confines himself, he ought to have gone beyond the "Harvard Memorial Biographies," apparently his only source. Francis C. Barlow, for instance the most brilliant of the Harvard soldiers, the only one, we believe, who on commemoration day had attained the full rank of major-general, won by exposures, wounds, and achievements almost unexampled even in that time is quite ignored.

As to the earlier period, it is a sad

oversight to forget entirely Henry Vane, whose connection with the college, though, indeed, most transient, was yet very momentous. As Governor of Massachusetts Bay in 1636, he presided over the meeting which founded the college, and it was his voice that declared the vote valid, the creative word which gave the institution being. He sat that day in his chair of state, a youth of twenty-four, his great career all before him, with the long hair which had given offence to the sober Puritans, attired in courtly fashion, with the men which Clarendon afterwards portrayed as "unbeautiful," though making "men think there was something in him of extraordinary." Mindful of the grim pomp he had seen in the camps and courts of Europe, he had at his back a row of stalwart halberdiers, armed cap a pie—an incident in the Harvard story most picturesque, and deeply memorable. Here, certainly, Mr. Pier did not use his opportunity.

Every good story has a prologue, and the story of Harvard has one which by no means should be left out. In Stratford-on-Avon stands the "Old House in the High Street," identified by the most eminent of our antiquaries, the late H. F. G. Waters, by certain documentary evidence, as the early home of Katharine Rogers, mother of John Harvard, from whom proceeded the little inheritance that first kindled in the Western Hemisphere the torch of a liberal culture. For this we have distinct contemporaneous chapter and verse. At circumstantial evidence we look askance, but without pressing the matter unduly this may be said—that the families of Rogers and Shakespeare lived in close neighborhood and intimacy at Stratford during the reigns of Elizabeth and James I.; that the poet knew Katharine Rogers well, as on the other hand, he knew well Robert Harvard, at length her husband, in his shop at Southwark, in London, hard by the Globe Theatre. So far the conjunction would seem to be inevitable. Then looms up a possibility amounting perhaps to a likelihood, that no other than Shakespeare was the intermediary who brought together the Londoner and the fair, well-dowered maid in the remote Midlands, that he was a familiar guest in the home in Southwark which he had helped to establish, and that he, the genial family friend, held on his knee the little John Harvard, the first-born in the household. Could this touch of their foster-father with the most illustrious name in literature be fairly established, and who can say after the feats of Mr. Waters what scraps may yet be found in the dust-heaps? Harvard men would indeed have a tradition to prize.

Mr. Pier's estimates of characters and events we think in general correct. We omit nothing which he has included, but an adequate portrayal of the noble story of Harvard should have in it much that is here left out.

STRAND.

For the next week the Strand will present Robin Hood, which will continue for Thursday and Friday. There will be added to the bill, for these two days, another feature which is one of the greatest thrillers in the matter of reality which has ever been produced. It is entitled "Over the Cliffs." In this photo-play the Indian, the leading character, makes a sensational leap with a child in arms, down a mountain side, to the bottom of which is 228 feet. His first jump is 30 feet and he then continues to the bottom. When this was done even the "Movie" operator shut his eyes, he says, and further work of the company was postponed for the day, owing to the fright they sustained.

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Thirty Convicts Apply for Enrollment in Correspondence School—Four Sentenced For Life

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 9.—A correspondence course for convicts is to be opened by the University of Nebraska. The work will be confined to prisoners at the state penitentiary. Thirty men have applied to have their names enrolled. Arrangements have been made by the state board of control in conjunction with university authorities, and several Omaha men. The state will furnish the books.

Of these four are life convicts and supposedly will never have any use for the things they will learn. The course will include arithmetic, American history, grammar and literature, bookkeeping and agriculture. Chaplain Johnson will be principal. The object is to prepare convicts to be self-sustaining when they are released. The men select their own studies and the curriculum is open to any convict. Certain credits will be given each student for work performed in the course. Consideration given applications for pardons, paroles and commutations will depend somewhat on the progress made in the college.

AT QUEEN'S

Amongst the final year of medicine are twelve men now possessing the degree of B. A., and once again the double course of arts and medicine is causing friction between the students and the faculty. These final year students have asked the medical faculty to grant them the full degree of M.D., C.M., at the completion of the present session, basing their claim on the ground that at the time the calendar was changed they had already started on the intended courses of B. A. and M.D., and so should continue under the regulations valid at the time of their entrance rather than the changed calendars. The students in 1912 who were on the regular combined course, were allowed to take the full M. D., C. M., degree at the end of four years in medicine, whilst the medical students were only allowed their bachelor of medicine degree, but the students were on the recognized combined course, and their case was not so complicated as the present situation. The faculty held a meeting on Friday afternoon but no decision was reached in the matter.

In regard to the five-year medical course, without the option of finishing the fifth year out of college by acting in a hospital or with a recognized physician, which was announced to be under contemplation some time ago, has not yet been settled. A committee consisting of the dean, Dr. A. P. Knight, Dr. A. R. B. Williamson, and others, were appointed by the faculty to consider the advisability of changing the course, but owing to illness of some members no report was brought in at the faculty meeting last week and in all probability the matter will stand over until next month.

Dr. Springer, a graduate of last year, in medicine, is said to be very seriously ill in Buffalo, N. Y.

An exhibition game of basketball was played in the gymnasium on Tuesday afternoon between Queen's and Kingston Y.M.C.A.

The annual meeting of the Association Football Club was held Monday afternoon. The following officers were elected for the following season: Honorary president, Prof. W. L. Grant; president, Prof. J. Macdonald; captain, W. Coulter; manager and secretary, John Gilchrist; second team captain, M. Sagar; committee, Messrs. Silas, Garvey, McKenzie, Lavish.

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SPLENDID TIMES WERE MADE IN ELIMINATION INDOOR TRACK EVENTS

Moore Did Mile in Five Minutes, Thirty-Five Seconds, and Cushing the Quarter Mile in One Minute, Four and Two-Fifths Seconds; Ross Did the Half Mile in Two Minutes and Thirty-Three Seconds.

KEEN AND CLOSELY EXCITING EVENTS THE RULE IN ALL HEATS

Three Men Tied for Second Place in the 440 Yards and Will Run Off in Second Eliminations on Friday.—Eighty Expected to Battle for Honors in the Finals of McGill Indoor Track Meet.—Twenty in Track Events.

Hotly contested, and exciting throughout, the elimination events of the Indoor Track Meet of McGill were splendidly run off yesterday afternoon.

Moore was the fancy speed artist of the day, loping off the mile in 5 minutes and 35 seconds. Cushing was close second with a 440 yard dash in 1 minute, 4 and 2-5 seconds. Ross ran the 880 yard in 2 minutes and 33 seconds, while Moore and Alberga made exactly equal times of 2 minutes 39 seconds for second place in the half mile.

Interest in the potato race was rewarded by the excellent time of 33 minutes and 4 seconds, made by Sanders, and the fact that none of the twenty men in it made less than 36 35 minutes. There are expected to be some great doings at the finals on Saturday, with such good times made in the semi-finals.

As a result of the elimination events, twenty men will go up Saturday to compete in the track events. While sixty will fight it out for honors in the jumps and the shot puts. In the 440 yds. three men in dif-

ferent heats tied for second place. They made it in 1 minute 6 seconds, and will have to run off again on Friday to decide who should qualify for the finals. Cushing did the 440 in 1 minute 4 seconds, while Jeffrey Ross and Nugent will be the trio who come up again on Friday for final eliminations.

Winners of their heats in the 220 yard dash were McGregor, Jeffreys, Hovey, Farlinger, Legault and Leeson. They all qualify for the finals.

In the 440 yards Jeffrey won his heat in 1 minute 6 seconds; Scott his in 1 minute 71 seconds and the other winners of heats were Cushing, 1.43; Ross, 1.6; Matthews, 1.7; and Hovey, 1.72-5. Cushing thus qualified for the final while Jeffrey, Ross and Nugent (who came next to Cushing) each burst the line at 1 minute 6 seconds. These three will, therefore, have to run off again on Friday, probably at five o'clock, but at least at some hour convenient to each.

In the mile, Moore came away ahead of his competitors in his heat. He won in 5.35, with Mills second in approximately 6 minutes. Lowry won the second heat in 6 minutes flat, with Beckwith second.

There was all kinds of fun in the potato race. Four heats were run off to choose four of the twenty entering to contest the event next Saturday. E. M. DesBrisay won the first heat in 34 flat. Sanders won his in the fine time of 33.4. Busby came first in 33.7, while Legault won out with 34.1. The quartet who have qualified were Sanders, McCullough (who came second in Sanders' heat with the time 33.5). Busby and DesBrisay. Although Legault won his heat, there were four faster men in the other heats, and these qualified.

Moore won the first heat in the 880 yard by doing the trick in 2 minutes 35 seconds. Ross also won his, but brought the time down to 2 minutes 33 seconds, with Alberga his second in 2 minutes 39 seconds. Moore, Ross and Alberga, therefore, qualify for the finals.

There was a large crowd watching the McGill boys run off the events. The supervisor, Mr. A. S. Lamb acted as clerk of the course. The starter was M. F. Pury, and the timers, Dr. Smith, G. Heron and L. C. Montgomerie, H. A. DesBrisay acted as scorers. Judges at the finish were C. F. MacKenzie and George Kennedy.

"Corky," famous Walker, Will Have Hard Winter

Holds Many Records for Long Distance Walking.—Has Been With Athletic Clubs Over Twenty Years.

Every McGill student, partial or un-dergraduate, who has ever taken the least interest in athletics, must know "Old Corky." But for those who are not acquainted with him may it be mentioned that he has been the trainer and rubber-down for nearly all the various athletic clubs about the University for almost twenty-five years, by which the value of his work has been greatly appreciated.

The old man was an athlete of the top rank in his day. In his prime, he held the world's championship as a walker. Several times he sent challenges to Weston, the then famous United States walker, but the latter would never accept. However, he has now come to the state that his salary during the winter is not sufficient for his needs, and the idea of the men endeavoring to help him through, is to get up some sort of a benefit for him. This will in all probability take the form of a subscription whereby all students interested in "Old Corky" will be given a chance to assist him.

The old man was too modest to give much about his races, but finally his son, Jim, managed to get some information from him.

A list of a few races the old man remembers and a brief account of several was the result of the son's efforts.

His first really big event was a long distance race at the Agricultural Hall at Islington, England. This was a six-day event, go as you please. Here against all betting and the judgments of the racing fraternity Corky, or W. Gentleman, as is his real name, set out away ahead of the rest of the field. He had already covered 375 miles and nothing but foul play remained to stop him from winning. He remained on the track night and day, and was going fine, but they got him. Through his trainer, Joe Woolkar, whom he trusted implicitly, he was poisoned and put out of business.

Not for long however, as he came back an easy winner in the second long distance race. This time his wife remained with him night and day, and from her alone he took his nourishment, his experience in the first race serving him in good stead. In six days he covered 521 miles, an average of over three miles and a half an hour for a hundred and forty-four consecutive hours. In this event he was an easy winner.

A few other races he still remembers are given below in condensed form.

At the White Lion grounds, Hackney Wick, London, England, W. Gentleman beat Geo. Brackel in a mile walking race for ten pounds a side.

At the White Lion Grounds, Hackney Wick, London, England, against Clayton, of Hoxton, for ten pounds a side, one mile, won by W. Gentleman.

At the White Lion Grounds also, W. Gentleman beat Joe Rowe in a ten mile event for ten pounds a side.

At the Bow Grounds, London, Eng., W. Gentleman against Virtu, of Bloomsbury, four miles, for ten pounds a side. Won by W. Gentleman.

Also at the Bow Grounds, W. Gentleman beat Cummins in a ten mile race for ten pounds a side, after giving him a start of two miles.

At the White Lion Grounds, Hackney Wick, London, Eng., Jack Mills

beat W. Gentleman in a one mile event for ten pounds a side. Jack Mills was the only man to beat him up to that time, but he never did it again. Several times after that Corky got him.

At the White Lion Grounds shortly after that Wm. Gentleman won the Copenhagen Belt against all comers at four miles.

Also he won a silver cup at Millwall for a handicap race of four miles against all comers.

One of his most glorious victories was at the Agricultural Hall, at Islington, the scene of his defeat by foul means in his early days. Here he again defeated all comers at four miles in this race he overcame the really best men in England.

More will be published about the means of assisting the old man in a few days, and it is to be hoped that a good response will be made to the appeal for aid for an athlete who is still devoting the best that is in him to produce others in the same line, although already at an age when most men are looking around for a quiet home.

CAMBRIDGE WINS FROM OXFORD

London, Dec. 9.—As was expected, Cambridge University won the inter-university football match here to-day by three tries and a dropped goal to one try or 13 points to 3. Half the time Cambridge led by 10 points to 0.

The first try was scored after a great rush by the Cambridge forwards. The second try resulted from break away by Will after Oxford had got within five yards of the Cambridge line. Movement finished with great run by Lowe, who scored. Lowe later dropped a goal after a good play by Cambridge three, Baxter being prominent.

Cambridge's final try was scored by Lewis fifteen minutes after following which Southce scored for Oxford. During part of the second half Oxford played without Loudon Hand. Cambridge's strength was at three-quarter line, Oxford's forwards playing a magnificent game.

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POOL TOURNAMENT.

In the third round P. P. Smyth, fifty below, beat O. E. Farley, thirty above, 150 to 72, and R. A. Law, ten above, put W. J. McLean, 30 above, out. Score 150 to 137. The last match in the first round was also played, G. M. Willisroft, a scratch man, beat A. C. Buchanan, ten above, 150 to 121.



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XMAS AND THE EXAMS.

Now that the snow is on the ground, as it would seem, to stay, and the student is greeted with chilly blasts, when setting out for the University in the morning, one's thoughts revert towards the fact that Christmas is at hand. Not alone to the fact of the approach of the festive season should one turn, but also to the exams, which come first, and may be the cause of many an unwary undergraduate's unexpected departure.

Now is the time to start work, if it has not been done already, not next Monday. Nor should it be thought that it is too late to learn anything for the exams., therefore why make an effort? A few days' conscientious hard study can work wonders with even the dullest mind.

May the unseasonable graduations be few!

THE JUDICIAL MIND

Some persons are of a mental constitution so unfortunate that they can see no side in any argument except their own.

If you agree with them, you are erudite; if you dissent, you are pitifully misinformed. If you uphold their fads and foibles, you have been trained right and you think right; if you take exception to their views you are beyond the pale of refined intelligence, an object for sincere commiseration.

There are representations to be made on both sides of every controversial issue. In such matters as politics, the suffrage question, vivisection, bitter animosities are engendered and each side wishes to hear only its own cause. Many zealots there are who are entirely unwilling that the evidence shall be dispassionately weighed and sifted in an independent newspaper. They do not want judicial deliberation, but quick decision—and then only for their own self-righteousness.

Bigotry excludes the sunlight of the mind and soul. It is the chief foe of progress. The man whose intellect is hermetically sealed against the entrance of fresh evidence on every question is unfitted by the fact of his circumscribed horizon for any position requiring the broad, quick, sweep of executive judgment. He never can rise above this serious limitation. Despite the protest of the censorious tribe he represents, the plain duty of conscientious journalism will continue to be to ascertain the facts without bias, to give both sides a fair hearing, to present the truth without respect of persons after impartial examination.

DORMITORIES

The cost of living for Harvard freshmen will be reduced when the new dormitories for first year men are opened next fall. It is estimated that the average cost for room and board will be reduced \$35 a year.

All freshmen living at homewill be required to live at the dormitories. Inter-dormitory athletics will be encouraged and everything possible will be done to advance President Lowell's plan for more social life among the students.

THE OTHER COLLEGES

Notes and News Gleaned From
Exchanges.

A Chinese student at Michigan made a hit in "The Merchant of Venice."

Yale has the largest college library in America, containing 600,000 volumes.

The cornerstone of Cornell's new Schoellkopf Athletic Training House has just been laid.

Foreign students at Illinois, numbering 132, represent 22 nationalities. Of these 52 are Chinese.

Plans for a \$100,000 agronomy building at Cornell have been completed. Work will start next spring.

Sixty men at Michigan Agricultural College have petitioned for a credited course in the study of the liquor problem.

Princeton's Graduate School has been formally dedicated. Ex-President Taft was among the speakers.

Pennsylvania students sign this pledge at the top of all test sheets: "I have neither given nor received information during this test."

University of Oregon students have recently introduced an innovation in regard to mass meetings. Before each rally an old house is secured, it being the duty of the freshmen to move the structure to the scene of the rally and there transform it into a giant bonfire.

The University of Notre Dame football team claims to be in a class by itself this year in matter of mileage travelled. On November 1, it went east to beat the Army at West Point, went home and then returned East to defeat Pennsylvania State at State College, Pennsylvania six days later. The team played in St. Louis, and on Thanksgiving Day went to Austin, Texas, to meet the University of Texas.

But His Paper Ran the Only Correct Story After All

One Reporter Was Stranded on Police Patrol, One Lost on Other Side of Harbor, One in Patrol's Dinghy, But the Winning Man Went to the Hospital.

The time I went out on the patrol boat to find the Bellerophon, the boat started from the Gore Avenue wharf at about nine o'clock with P. C. Quirk in charge. We had had a report through the police that six men had been killed by a dynamite explosion on the old training ship Bellerophon. Captain Jim, of the police patrol boat, was away in Williams somewhere, hunting for water-burglars at the time, and we would not find him. Quirk steered the boat and one of the drivers of the old patrol wagon took charge of the engines. We had to break open the cabin door to reach the engines. Those present were Deputy James, Inspector Brown, Sergeant White, Quirk, patrol driver, and myself.

The patrol driver, under Quirk's instructions, managed to get the engines running and we backed out of Gore Avenue slip about half an hour after we reached the boat. She goes very fast and it was not very long before we got up opposite Kirby, where the explosion was reported to have taken place. No flames or floating wreckage could be seen, however, and by this time the lights on our boat had died out and we were in the rain and the darkness.

At length we saw the outline of an old hulk and started towards it. It was high in the water and everybody thought that it was the wreck, only that it did not show flame. James could smell the dynamite and after a while the rest of the crew decided they could too, so we went toward the hulk at full speed and eventually landed on the same bar she was on, only about forty feet away. When we came to a full stop we could see a light aft somewhere and the deputy ordered Quirk to back out of the way for fear the hulk should explode some more. Quirk couldn't back out, and we stayed there for some time, till at length the deputy ordered everybody forward and by that means lifted the stern from the flats and we got away. We could hear no groans from the hulk (people from Williams had told the police that they heard groans) and could not see signs of explosions except for this little light like a candle, so everybody decided that this could not have been where the explosion was, and we started east to find something better.

We tried to get through the Narrows two or three times at half speed and then the engines refused to go altogether. We were, therefore, left near the Second Narrows in the middle of the stream without any lights

except the detectives' electric bull's-eyes and without even an oar, sail or absolutely anything to make the boat go with.

We drifted down stream stern foremost till Quirk and I got a piece of canvas and so made the boat turn round. We wanted her to go bow-foremost so that she would go quicker and be easier to steer. She turned beam on to the current and wouldn't go any further. James and Quirk took turns trying to push the boat to the Vancouver side by means of a broom. She would not go even with the aid of two long thin boards pulled off the side of the cabin, and used as oars. Brown would not work and I did little, but James and Quirk worked overtime. At ten-thirty they decided to paddle the big boat over to the other side of the harbor if she did not go out with the tide before she could be gotten over there. Two or three boats passed within some distance of us but none of them answered our hail by anything more than whistles.

We had no lights and nothing could be seen of us from any distance. It was a little easier to reach the other side than ours, and we were getting three-quarters of the way there when we passed opposite the big mill and an auxiliary fishing boat picked us up.

When we had been towed nearly half the way back we came across a little row-boat with Captain Jim in it and two Tribune reporters. They came aboard and the captain had the engines going in two minutes and we left the fishing boat away behind. Jim had returned from the foot of Harding street soon after we left and had set out to intercept us in the patrol launch's dinghy. The dinghy didn't have any oars so McTaggart, of the Tribune, stole one and the captain was rowing around the inlet with one oar and swearing like everything at Quirk, when we picked him up.

In the meantime another man had gone over to the other side in the ferry and got lost somewhere near Bear Creek and, eventually been picked up and brought back to the ferry where he went to the hospital and got the whole story before I got back. There had not been any dynamite on the boat and there was only a little explosion of oil. McKelvie, of the Tribune, hired a taxi-cab, went over to the other side in the ferry and also got lost away out at the end of Keith road. He did not get back till early next morning. The news man got astray too and they got an incorrect report.

PARLIAMENTARY ELOQUENCE

Lord Curzon, Chancellor of Oxford University, delivered the Rede lecture at Cambridge University, his subject being "Modern Parliamentary Eloquence." The lecturer said that while oratory, strictly so-called, had passed under a cloud, and the orator, if happily he did emerge, was suspect, yet never was eloquence, the power of moving men by speech, more potent than now. While the types and standards of education that were represented in the House were many and various, that which was in the minority was that which was once supreme, the education based on the continuous study and knowledge of the Greek and Roman classics. The power of speech that a man took to the House was that which had been developed in the college debating society or on the platform, but not in the study of the past. He need not for that reason be an ineffective speaker, very often quite the reverse; but in so far as knowledge and education could make a man a good speaker, he was without that resource. In the House a good deal of time was now spent in interrogating ministers; four fifths of the remainder was spent in the committee stage of bills or the conversational discussions of the estimates. The opportunities for full dress debate were therefore small. Another change which had affected speaking was the growth of verbatim reporting in the press so that speakers dared not let themselves go as Chatham or Fox could afford to do.

Passing on to consider individual speakers, Lord Curzon said that Mr.

Gladstone seemed to be the master of every art of eloquence and rhetoric. He could be passionate or calm, solemn or volatile, lucid or involved, grave or humorous, persuasive or denunciatory, pathetic or scornful at will. His great rival Disraeli was a master of picturesque and incisive phraseology but was not an orator either by nature or art. Lord Randolph Churchill led the House for a few years with unquestionable brilliance but it was as a mob-orator that he excelled. Joseph Chamberlain was another illustration of great talents equally effective in the Senate or on the platform. For mastery of all the arts of debate, clearness, conciseness, humor, invective, ridicule, cogent and incisive reasoning, he was unsurpassed. Lord Rosebery was not inaptly described as Britain's only orator. Whatever subject he touched was raised at once out of the commonplace. It was gilded with happy phrases; it sparkled with effervescence and laughter, and it became a part of the intellectual capital of the whole community. Mr. Asquith represented a type of public speaking carried to higher perfection than by any one in modern times. Possessed of a copious vocabulary, an extraordinary and effortless command of the right word, a remarkable gift of lucidity and expression, and a resonant voice, he produced an overpowering effect of parliamentary and forensic strength. Bonar Law possessed a power unseen since Lord Salisbury's time, that of delivering a sustained and closely reasoned argument or attack for an hour without a single note.

OFFERS PLANT TO EMPLOY STUDENTS

Detroit Manufacturer Submits Plans to Regents of Michigan University.

Ann Arbor, Dec. 10. — Plans for opening a factory, giving employment to students at Michigan in the near future, were laid before the board of regents, in a letter sent by L. D. Smith, owner of the Detroit Fireless Stove Company. Smith is the

father of Clark D. Smith, '17. The action is a response to the working students' campaign committee, which, in co-operation with the Ann Arbor civic association, is trying to bring to this city a factory which will furnish employment to students during odd hours.

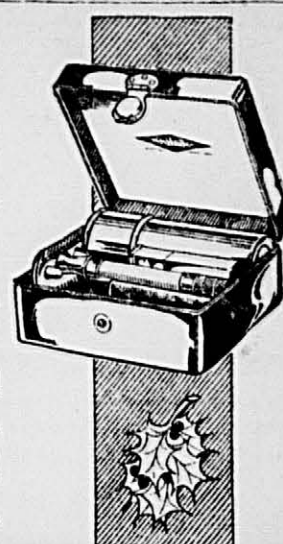
The Detroit business man intends to move his stove factory to Ann Arbor. If the scheme meets the approval of the board, a sales office will be established in connection with the plant, and students may allot a fixed portion of their time to work in it. The owner of the factory believes that no article offers profit, or sale possibilities, better than the electrical goods, which are sold on the "money back if not



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WAS GRADUATE OF PRESBYTERIAN COLL.

Rev. Chas. Hardy, Holder of Scholarship, Died Early Yesterday Morning

Rev. Charles A. Hardy, a distinguished graduate of McGill University and of the Presbyterian College, died early this morning in the Royal Victoria Hospital at the age of 43. Mr. Hardy was, at the time of his death, pastor of the church of Rexton, N.B. He was a native of Alberton, P.E.I. and after his early studies at the Prince of Wales College, Charlottetown, came to McGill, where he graduated in 1903 with the degree of B.D. and also won the McCorkill travelling scholarship, which gave him a year at New College, Edinburgh, where he

distinguished himself. He was ordained in 1904, and inducted in 1906 as pastor of Restigouche church. He accepted the call to Rexton last May. He is survived by his widow, formerly Miss Martha Lee, daughter of Archibald Lee, and sister of Rev. H. S. Lee, of Fairmount Church.

The funeral will take place on Friday from the Presbyterian College at two o'clock, Rev. Principal Springer officiating.

Trainer Keene, of the Syracuse football eleven, is credited with saying that T. A. D. Jones, the former Yale star, said the Harvard eleven of this fall was the best he ever saw.

We fail to see how reducing the value of a field goal is going to increase the scoring of touchdowns. What should be done is make the distance to be gained in four downs five yards instead of ten when the ball is inside of the 25-yard line.

LOST.

A philosophy note book was lost on the campus some time after 6 o'clock on Monday. Will finder please return to the R. V. C.